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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

New Hope Missionary Baptist Association.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The New Hope Missionary Baptist Association adjourned its session last at Taylor's Chapel to meet with the church at Mt. Olive, Moncure, N. C. on Wednesday morning before the second Sunday, October 7th 1896.

The ministers and delgates from the various churches composing the New Hope Association began to gather upon the grounds of the Mt. Olive church. Rev. J. H. Dunston, the Moderator was present and announced the first order of business, the introductory sermon, by Rev. E. D. Kirby. Sang hymn 543, "Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me." Rev. E. D. Kirby read 2 Tim. 4: Prayer by Rev. G. W. Moore; sang hymn on page 402: "Father I stretch my hands to thee," &c. Rev. E. D. Kirby in appropriate remarks thanked God that his life had been precious in God's sight and for being spared to attend another annual meeting. Text: 46th Psalm, 4th verse. "There is a River, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of our God." The sermon was short but practical and appropriate for the occasion.

By request of Rev. J. H. Dunston, the brethren entered into a covenant while singing a plantation piece—"I will trust in the Lord," &c. The spirit was with us and seemed to have his free course in the hearts of men. Prayer by Rev. Thos. Morrison. The Moderator then announced the house ready for business.

Rev. Thomas Morrison, the pastor of Mt. Olive church then gave the brethren a cordial welcome to the church, their homes and hospitalities. God is using brother Morrison in the advancement of his kingdom and for his glory. Response to address of welcome by Rev. A. Stroud in appropriate words for the occasion.

Profs. S. N. Vass and A. B. Vincient both gave short talks.

The President announced adjournment. Benedicton by the Moderator.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Association reassembled according to adjournment. The devotional exercise conducted by the choir. Rev. J. H. Dunston; read 103 Psalm; sang hymn 413; prayer by Rev. Thos. Pattisole. Sang hymn 403. The Moderator then announced the house ready for business. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. The delegation was then enrolled.

Ordained Ministers— E. H. Cole, C. D. Hackney, G. B. Perry, Thomas Morrison, J. H. Caldwell, G. W. Moore, A. Stroud, E. M.Mason, Thos. Pattisole, E. D. Kirby, J. H. Dunston, L. H. Hackney, M. W. Brown, W. H. Stuart, J. S. Barrett, S. L. Brower, Z. B. Thompson, A. Durham.

Visiting Elders— S. N. Vass, A. B. Vincient,

Licentiate ministers—Bros. F. S. Steels, W. L. Alston, John Page, Amos McDonald, G. H. Page, T. J. Edwards, Phillip Stuart, Boston Chalmers, D. J. Emmerson, S. H. Hinton, F. D. Harrington, J. W. Page, H. H. Hackney.

Delegates—Bros. H. J. Jones, T. R. Herndon, Rev. C. D. Hackney, J. H. Richmond, F. S. Steels, J. W. Brown, R. D. Brooks, J. L. Waddell, Amos McDonald, G. H. Graves, H. T. Worlden, J. W. Page, A. B. Bynum, S. Matthews, A. H. Pass, Louis Matthews, James H. Peace, Wm. Vickers, W. H. Harrington, A. R. Watson, J. H. McLeod, S. K. Siler, W. A. Herndon, Haywood Worlden, W. T. Williams, Rev. —— Perry, Rev. J. H. Dunston, J. J. Dezroffenried, E. H. Cole, E. D. Kirby, H. W. Scott, J. W. Mason, B. W. Wilson, C. H. Williams, Wm. Taylor, Grant H. Feanngton, Zero Matthews, L. H. Stone, N. F. Kirkland, Rev. S. L. Brower, M. N. Hopor, Andrew Cutts, F. M. Stuart, Robert Davis, Benj. Wilson, J. F. Holland, D. J. Emmerson, Phillp Baker, Boston Chalmers, T. J. Edwards, F. D. Harrington, F. R. Chalmers, Alcie Stinson, Robert Holland, F. M. Stuart.

On motion permanent organization was perfected. Rev. J. H. Caldwell was elected Moderator, but resigned.

On motion the Association did not accept of Rev. J. H. Caldwell's resignation.

On motion Rev. J. H. Caldwell was re-elected unanimously.

On motion Rev. A. Stroud was elected Vice-Modertor, and Rev. L. H. Hackney, Secy. Rev. G. W. Moore was continued Treasurer.

On motion the Association continued the Ministerial and Executive Boards. Rev. S. N. Vass, District Secretary, of the Southern States, representing the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, was introduced to the Associotion.

Rev. A. B. Vincient, of Raleigh, N. C. representing the Ministers Institute was cordially welcomed to a seat with us in the Association. The brother responded in a quiet and short manner.

On motion Thursday night was made a special order of business for Rev. S. N. Vass to represent the work of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia. The general public was particular requested to be present both white and colored to hear Rev. S. N. Vass, for he is one of the finest talented men in the State white or colored. Thursday at 2 o'clock P. M. was made special order to hear from Rev. A. B. Vincient, who represents the Co-operation Mission work of the State. The Secretary, Rev. L. H. Hackney, of the Association, gave to the Rev. J. H. Dunston, ex-Moderator, the History of the Sandy Creek Association (white) and the Baptist Map-tree. The history and map were presented by Prof. S. N. Vass, ex-Prof. of Shaw University. At night Bro. F. S. Steels, assisted by Rev. E. M. Mason, led the services, read 23 Psalm, prayer by Rev. E. M. Mason. Text, St. John 19:30. The meeting was one of interest. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Dunston. A collection was taken to the amount of $2.27. Rev. J. E. McNeill, pastor of the Congregational church was introduced to the Association. The good people of Mt. Olive Baptist church and its vicinity have the appearance of christian manliness and piety. The pastor, Rev. Thomas Morrison is doing good work in this vicinity. He is loved by the people generally The meeting adjourned to meet tomorrow at 9 a. m. with the benediction by Rev. S. N. Vass.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association convened at 9 o'clock A. M., the Moderator in the chair. The opening religious services were con-

ducted by bros. G. H. Page and J. S. Barrett. After the roll the minutes of the previous meeting read and approved. Revs. M. W. Brown and G. W. Moore were appointed reading clerks.

On motion the hour of preaching was defered until 12 o'clock, sharp. After 5 minutes recess, Rev. G. W. Moore, assisted by Prof. S. N. Vass, read hymn 715 and preached from The Acts, 12:24. Bro. Moore preached with power and with the demonstration of the Holy Spirit. A collection of $5.28 was taken, after which the report by committee on hours of meeting was received and adopted. Benediction by Rev. S. N. Vass.

SECOND DAY—EVENING SESSION.

The Association convened at 2 o'clock P. M., the Moderator in the chair. The opening religious exercises were conducted by bros J. W. Page and D. J. Emmerson,

The minutes of the previous meeting read and approved, after which Prof. A. B. Vincient, representing the Co-operation Mission work for the middle section of the State delivered an excellent speech in the interest of his work. A collection of $3.52 was taken. Adjourned to meet at 9 P. M. Benediction by the Moderator.

NIGHT SESSION.

After the opening religious exercises conducted by Rev. S. N. Vass, District Secretary of A. M. Baptist Publication, Philadelphia, he delivered a fine lecture before the Association. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Dunston. Amount of collection $5.30.

On motion the Treasurer of the Association was ordered to pay Prof. $4.70 for the American Baptist Publication Society making $10.00. Prof. Vass thanked the Association for the donation.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association convened at 9 A. M., the Moderator in the chair. The opening religious exercises were conducted by Revs. E. H. Cole ane C. D. Hackney. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved. The roll was called after which the reading of letters by the Secretary was continued.

On motion the 11 o'clock sermon by Rev. J. H. Caldwell was defered until 7:30 P. M.

On motion this after-noon was made special order of business to consider applications from churches in the Association desiring aid. Rev. L. H. Hackney, representing Home and Foreign Society received $2.00 from Barbee's chapel and was handed to the Finance Committee. Bro. C. H. Williams reported $1.05 to Finance Committee for Foreign Missions. Rev Thomas Pattisole and brother Osbone Hannah were excused for home. Rev. E. H. Cole reported $1. each paid him from Mt. Zion and Mt. Sinai churches for erection of a church at Pittsboro.

On motion brother Louis Matthews was allowed to ask the Association for a collection to assist him home. The committee on organization of Baptist church at Carthage reported same organized by Revs. J. S. Barrett, S. L. Brower, E. D. Kirby and others. Rock Spring church was organized by Revs. E. H. Cole and J. J. Jones. The above churches are reported well organized. On motion the Association relieved Hickory Grove church one-half due the Association for 1895

On motion the Association loaned brother Louis Matthews $1.25 on 4 months time to assist him home. The Association adjourned until this after-noon.

AFTER-NOON SESSION.

The Association convened according to adjournment, the Moderator in the chair. The opening religious exercises were conducted by Revs. E. M. Mason and S. L. Brower. After the roll the minutes of the morning session were read and approved. On motion it is recommended to the churches that have any of the members from the new faction of the Mt. Pleasant church that they are hereby advised to discontinue their names from their roll book and that they be advised to return to the original church. Bro. Louis Siller was excused for home.

On motion Revs. M. W. Brown and E. H. Cole were elected delegates to represent this Association in the State Convention at Greensboro, N. C. Representation $10.00 and the expenses of the Delegates.

Bros. Robert Davis Hopon, Z. B. Thompson, J. S. Barrett, Louis Matthews, S. L. Brower, R. D. Brooks, Aley Stinson,

Robert Holland and Haywood Worlden were excused for home. The Moderator ruled that the matter of donation be left in the hands of the Executive Board.

On motion Mt. Olive church was granted the benefit of Sunday's collection. On motion the subject of education be made special order of business for discussion to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Black River Grove church, Harnett County, was elected as the place for the next annual Association, on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1897. (The place was reconsidered Saturday morning. See minutes.)

The Association adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Benediction by Moderator.

FOURTH DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association convened at 9 o'clock A. M., the Moderator in the chair. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. Durham and Bro. T. J. Edwards. The roll was called and minutes of the previous session read and approved. Rev. J. H. Dunston was excused to go to his appointment at Mebanville, and take part in the Baptismal services.

On motion the place for holding the next annual Aassociation was reconsidered because the pastor thought it would not be wise for Black River Grove to entertain the Association at present, and Mt. Zion church, Chatham County was placed in nomination and elected for the meeting of the next Association on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1897.

On motion the Moderator appointed Revs. G. W. Moore, L. H. Hackney and M. W. Brown a committee on programs.

On motion the Association dispensed with the 11 o'clock sermon. On motion a resolution offered by brother G. H. Graves was received. (See resolution.) On motion the report of the committee on Secretary's salary was received and and adopted. Brothers C. H. Williams and W. T. Williams were excused for home. Bro. Spence, a Deacon in the Baptist church, Merry Oaks, N. C. was invited to sit with the Association. The Licentiate Ministers present were granted permission to express themselves before the Association of their christian labor and call to the Ministry. Bros. Willis Herndon and Phillip Barker were excused for home. Rev.

A. Stroud delivered quite an interesting lecture before the Licentiates upon the call to the ministry and labor. Bro. E. H. Goldston addressed the Association on the subject of education and advised that the colored people practice economy in their lives and resort to those means that will enable them to become powerful factors in the nation of our grand republic.

On motion a resolution offered by Rev. D. J. Emmerson was adopted. (See resolution.) Rev. E. H. Cole and others were excused for home. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Stuart. Adjourned until 1 o'clock. Benediction by Rev. A. Stroud.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association convened at 1 o'clock, the Moderator in the chair. The religious exercises were conducted by Revs. Z. B. Thompson and J. W. Page. The roll was called after which the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion the report of committee on obituaries was received. Resolution offered by Rev. L. H. Hackney was received and adopted. The New Hope Baptist Association adjourned to meet in annual session with Mt. Zion church, Chatham County, Wednesday before second Sunday in October, 1897.

Rev. J. H. CALDWELL,
MODERATOR.

Rev. L. H. HACKNEY,
SECRETARY.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

The congregation met at 10 o'clock A. M. The opening religious exercises were conducted by Revs. J. H. Dunston and F. S. Steels. Bro. D. J. Emmerson delivered an able lecture to the congregation on education. Bro. E. H. Goldston also spoke on the means of obtaining an education. At 11 o'clock Rev. A. Stroud, assisted by Dr Brown, preached an educational sermon from the text found in Pro. 4:8-9. The sermon was practical and full of thought. Rev. L. H. Hackney was requested to take up collection for Mt. Olive church, amounted to $7.35. Benediction by Rev. McNeill, of the Congregational church.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1896.

1895.	Receipts.	
Oct. 12,	Annual Funds of the Association	$44 61
" "	Public Collections	15 83
	Amount received	$60 44
" "	State Missions	24 17
" "	For Foreign Missions	29 41
	Total amount	$114 02

1895.	Disbursements.	
Oct. 12,	To Rev. L. Hackney balance due on minutes of 1894	$15 00
Oct. 12,	To L. H. Hackney for Sec'y Salary and incidental expenses	15 50
Oct. 12,	To J. H. Dunston borrowed money	7 00
" "	To J. H. Dunston Treas. Foreign Missions	29 41
" "	To E. H. Cole Treas. Home Missions	24 17
" "	To epenses Delegates State Convention	16 50
" "	Expense Rev G. W. Moore, Delegate to State Convention	5 00
1896.		
Feb 10	Paid order L. H. Hackney for minutes	28 00
	Paid postage &c.	16
	To Taylor's Chapel church	5 51
	Total	$146 25
	Deficit	$32.23

Rev. G. W. MOORE, Treasurer.

$10.00 Moncure, N. C. October, 1896.

Received of the New Hope Baptist Association Ten Dollars for the American Baptist Publication Society.

(Signed) S. N. VASS.

We, your committee on hours of meeting beg leave to submit the following report: That the Association meet at 9 o'clock A. M., recess at 1, meet again at 2 and adjourn at pleasure. J. W. Brown, S. Matthews, James Peace, G. S. Graves, Robert Davis, Committee.

Whereas the good people of this community, and while the Bro. Methodist have come to the rescue of the New Hope Baptist Association. The Episcopalians, Presbyterians and Congregationalist have put the sign of welcome on the outside of their doors to the ministers and delegates of this grand body. Therefore be it resolved that we the ministers and delegates of this the New Hope Baptist Association tender a vote of thanks to the different churches and friends for their kind hospitality in giving aid to the support of the Association. Signed Respectfully. D. J. EMERSON.

RESOLUTION.

The American Baptist Publication Society have done so much in the interest of the colored people of the Southern States and that her educational and religious influence have spread this entire land until it is felt in almost every nook and corner of this country. Therefore be it resolved that the Rev. S. N. Vass draw upon the treasurer of the Association for the amount of $10 in the interest of the American Baptist Publication Society, $5.30 public collection $4.70 to be taken from the Treasury. Committee, Rev. J. H. Dunston, Rev. J. H. Caldwell, D. J. Emerson and Rev. E. D. Kirby.

OUR NEW CHURCHES.

We your committee on new churches beg leave to submit the following report: We have investigated the organization the Ennis Chapel, Carthage, N. C. and found it to be in Gospel order, therefore we recommend it to the fellowship of the Association. Committee, Rev. J. H. Dunston, Rev. W. H. Stewart and Rev. Perry.

ON ORBITUARIES.

We the committee appointed on orbituaries beg leave to make the following report: Death has visited the ranks of many churches composing this New Hope Baptist Association with that great monster—death which at last conquers the inhabitants of this land. The death rate of this fiscal year has been commending its-self to the careful consideration of the various. But bow in humble obedience to him who doeth all things well. Thus to await the second coming of Christ when the dead, both great and small shall be there to render an account of the deeds done in the body. Lambert's Chapel, 1; Sanford 1st Baptist, —; Roberts Chapel, 2; North East Chapel, 3; Terrel's Creek, 1; Perry's Chapel, 2; New Hope, 1; Mt. Sinai, 5; Taylor's Chapel, 2; Shilo, 3; Bassil's Creek, 1; Mt. Moriah —; Fayetteville 1st Baptist church, 3; New Hill, 1; Markham's Chapel, 2; New Bethel, West Durham, N. C., 2; Red Hill, 2; Mt. Zion, (Wake) —;

Chapel Hill 1st Baptist church, 2; Mt. Zion, (Chatham) —; Harris Grove, 1; Hickory Grove, 5; Mt. Pleasant, 1; Mt. Olive, 4; (Moncure, N. C.) Total 49.

Committee:—Bros. W. A. Harrington, J. H. McLeod, A. R. Watson, Louis Mathews and Andrew Cutts.

REPORT ON NEW CHURCHES SUPLEMENTED.

We your committee on new churches beg leave to submit the following report: We have investigated the organization of the Rocks Springs Missionary Baptist, Orange County, N. C., organized by Rev. E. H. Cole and Rev. J. J. Jones. We found this church to be in Gospel order therefore we recommend to the fellowship of the Association all of which we most respectfully submit to the careful respect of this body.

Committee:—Rev. G. B. Perry, Bro. G. H. Page. Rev. W. H. Stewart, J. H. Dunston.

ON SECRETARY'S SALARY.

We your committee beg leave to make the following report: We have carefully considered the great responsibility of the importance of preparing the minutes of our Association for the press. We still continue to pay the sum of $12.-50 for his services as secretary of the next fiscal year of this laudable body. All of which we do most cordially and respectfully submit.

Committee:—Bros. B. H. Wilson, H. J. Jones, J. W. Mason, N. F. Kirkland, B. W. Wilson.

COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

The Committee on time and place beg leave to read the following report: The members composing the committee have decided to send the next annual session of the Association to the church at Markham's Chapel on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October 1897. The committee have thought it very desirable to adjourn this body to meet at the above place.

Committee:—Bros. C. H. Williams, T. R. Herndon, S. K. Siler, W. A. Herndon, A. B. Bynum.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas we the members composing the Association have ministers who have given their lives and are still giving them for the spread of the Gospel, and whereas the ministers are becoming more aged and infirm, and that many of the old veterans of the cross have long since gone to their rest in Heaven, their widows and children to suffer their loss,

and therefore Be it Resolved 1st. That this the New Hope Baptist Association request each one belonging to the Association to raise a special collection the second Sunday in June 1897 or upon any other that may be more suitable for the churches. Resolve 2nd. That this money be used explicitly for the benefit of the superannuated ministers, widows and orphans. Resolve 3rd. That the pastors urge this request upon their church or churches and what may be the result of this collection the church should make a report to the Association as upon any matter and that a strict account of all the money raised be kept on file by the secretary. Resolved 4th. That each pastor should make himself efficient in raising this collection thus remembering that old age is honorable. Widowhood and orphanage received the highest praise at the hands of the supreme power, and further, by October we hope to raise at least $50.00 by this act that the aged suffering widows and children might be reasonably responded to from the financial Aiding Fund of the Association. This resolution is recommended to pass. Most respectfully submitted. L. H. Hackney

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RESOLUTION.

Dear brethern of this Associotion:—Having seen the need of the Baptist doctrine to be preached in this section of the country, western portion of the Association and that she desires the light to shine within her borders, and can't better be done than by some of the older and more able ministers of the Association. The ministers should endeavor to assist in bringing the dark sections of the Association to the front by pushing some of the best element out in the west. Therefore be it resolved 1st. That this Association will from time to time send some of the best element to visit the churches in the west. There is a space out west that needs the light and Baptist doctrine. "For the harvest is great but the laborers are few." They must be visited by some of the older ministers of the Association. Hope this resolution will meet the approval of the entire christian ministry of the Association. Very Respectfully submitted, GEORGE H. GRAVES,
Siler City, N. C.

ON PROGRAMME.

Revs. L. H. Hackney, J. H. Caldwell, J. H. Dunston, M. W. Brown and A. Stroud.

ON ANNUAL SERMONS.

We your committee on Annual sermons beg leave to make the following report: Rev. J. S. Barrett, to preach the introductory sermon on Wednesday at 10 o'clock a. m. Rev. S. L. Brower his alternate. Rev. E. M. Mason to preach the

Missionary sermon Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m. Rev. S. W. Ray alternate. Rev. W. H. Stuart to preach the temperance sermon at 11 o'clock a. m. Friday. Rev. A. N. Durham his alternate. Rev. J. H. Durham to preach the doctrinal sermon Saturday at 11 o'clock. Rev. E. H. Cole his alternate. Rev. L. H. Hackney to preach the educational sermon Sunday at 11 o'clock. Bro. T. S. Edwards his alternate.

Committee on education to report at next Association. Revs. A. Stroud, C. H. Hackney and M. W. Brown.

Committee on Temperance to report at next Association. Revs. J. H. Dunston, E. H. Cole and Bro. C. D. Hackney.

Committee on Home and Foreign Mission, consisting of the Ministerial and Educational Board. Revs. M. W. Brown, J. H. Dunston, L. H. Hackney, G. W. Moore, C. D. Hackney, E. H. Cole and G. B. Perry.

EDUCATIONAL SERMON.

AS PREACHED BY REV. A. STROUD, OF CARY, N. C.

Text Prov. 4: 8-9. "Exalt her and she shall promote thee, She shall bring the to honor, when thou doeth embrace her." "She shall give thine head an ornament of grace; a crown of glory shall she deliver unto thee."

Bro. Moderator, ministers, delegates and friends:—Having been appointed to preach an educational discourse at this sitting of the Association, I stand before you in the name of God to perform the task. The subject before us is one of no small importance. It is high as Heaven. It is so deep that no one has reached bottom. It is so high that no one has scaled to the top, the price being so great that God only knows the price thereof. When we speak of education we mean christian education. We mean knowledge and wisdom and religion blended together. Education comes from the word which means to draw out. It expands and elevates the human mind. It cultivates everything with which it deals. Christian cultivation is education, it adds to the value of the farm. It makes the horses and cattle more servicable. It increases the proceeds of the factory. It makes the fruit of the orchard and grapes of the vineyard more luscious. It makes the flowers of the garden more beautiful. The text says: "Exalt her (wisdom) and she shall promote thee. She shall bring thee to honor." Notice what wisdom will do for you. First it will promote you. Secondly it will bring you to honor. These are the words of Solomon, son of David King of Isreal. His name means peace. His first step to wisdom. First of all he had God fearing parents. The last words of his father David, were: "My son be strong and show thyself a man. Keep the commandments of the Lord thy God and walk in His ways. Abide in laws judgment and testimonies. His father

taught him to be in subjection to the Lord his God. He taught him humiliation. Jesus Christ says: "He that humbleth himself shall be exalted." That is wisdom. The text says "Exalt her and she shall promote thee; she shall bring thee to honor." Solomon exalted wisdom. His father David exalted wisdom. David in his last words to Solomon did not tell him to kill his enemies, but to keep the commandments of the Lord his God. He didn't tell him to establish his throne by the sword, nor extend his power nor perpetuate his glory by force of arms, but to walk in the statutes of the Jehovah, (Solomon's choice.)

A great deal depends upon the wise choice. Sometimes a wise choice is contrary to nature. Moses formed examples, chose to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season. This seemed a strange foolish choice to the King and royal family of Egypt. Yet it was a wise choice. Many of our bright minded young men and women are not educated, but because they choose not to be. For the same reason some are not christians. They do not choose to be. The bible tells us to choose. Says the man of God: "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." Elijah says: "Why halt ye between two oppinions, if the Lord be good follow him, but if Baal, then follow him." What a glorious result from this decision. The destruction of the idolitrous prophets of Baal, the witness of the fire from Heaven and the acknowledgement of Jehovah as the only true God. Many of our young choose to be dudes. They seem to think that a standing-collar, a fine coat and a keen toed pair of shoes, make a gentleman. They choose to be worthless instead of useful. Young men and women who might become useful to their race and become an ornament to the world, have no aspiration higher than to dress up and look fine. They make a bad choice. Oh! the young mothers, what a responsibility rest upon them. Would to God they would like Elizabeth and Hannah, bring their children early to the Savior and leave them at the foot of the cross and pray to God to use them in his cause. What a reformation of society a revival of religion there would be throughout the land and country. Few mothers do their duty in this respect. They had rather instill in the young mind a taste for fashion and styles. If the father doesen't get the daughter a dress like her neighbor's, the girl and the mother knocks over the chairs, breaks the plates and turns over the pot. A bad choice. You say if my children can't go to school like other children I'll just keep them at home. Such a mother as this is not a good wife. She is not sweet enough. She needs that christian spirit that will keep her sweet (her) all the time like preserves, (1st Thos. 5:23.) You sisters know how to make preserves don't you? It just takes pound for pound and if you haven't sugar enough for your fruit you

had better go back again "him that sells and buys." You keep your girls from church and school because they can't dress fine do you? Now then lets see what you have taught your daughter. You have taught her that fashion is of far more importance than religion. 2nd. You have taught her ruffles and puffs, embroidery, umbrella skirts, balloon sleaves. And styles are of far more importance than education. 3rd. You have taught her that fine dress makes a lady when that alone never did make one. 4th. You have taught her the love of admiration rather than the love of God. 5th. You have taught (her) your daughter the abominable sin of pride. Hateful to the very soul of Almighty God and obnoxious in the sight of the wise. My dear mother. You make a bad mistake. These things will only sink your daughter to degredation and ruin. Now you want me to tell you what makes a lady or a gentleman. A good name. (Prov. 22: 1:) That is a good moral christian character. Good maners and good behavior. Seek God early. Educate yourself. Get wisdom. Then you are an out and out lady or gentleman. You are an ornament at home and abroad. You have not been exercising wisdom. That is only you have not been crowded with grace, honor and beauty. "Exalt her and she shall promote thee; she shall bring thee to honor, and when thou doeth embrace her." What else will wisdom do for you? She will give you a crown, she shall give thine head an ornament of grace, a crown of glory shall she deliver unto thee. Wisdom, then is good, not only when we are living but when we are dying. And after having crossed the swelling tides, the Jordan of death, our ornament of grace and crown of glory will last through the endless ages of eternity. Solomon made a wise choice. Would to God that all the world would make such a choice today. The Lord God said unto Solomon at Gibean. "Ask what I shall give thee." Did Solomon ask for riches: No. Did he ask for honor? Did he ask for lives of his enemies? No. What did he ask for? See his reply. "Lord Thou hath shown mercy unto thy servant David accordingly has he walked before thee in truth and righteousness and uprightness of heart." He said, "Lord I am but a little child in the midst of a great people that cannot be remembered." "Lord give an understanding heart." The speech pleased the Lord and he give not only wisdom, but riches and honor. "Exalt her and she shall promote thee." Solomon was a wise King. God said that "there was none like him before, nor should any arise afterwards like unto him." So he was wiser than all the ancient Kings. His head more honorable. His throne more powerful and Kingdom more glorious. Our Savior acknowledged Solomon's glory when he compared the brilliant lily. Solomon wrote three thousand Proverbs and a thousand five-hundred songs. The bible tells us that he

wrote about plants from the cedar of Lebanon to the hysop that groweth out of the wall. He wrote about birds and beast and fish. He laid aside his royal robes and went in search of knowledge. He wrote books on botany, the science of plants, zoology, the science of animals, lithyology the science of fishes and ornithology the science of birds.

HIS RICHES.

To say that Solomon was a million-aire would give a very poor conception of his wealth. He had at his command, says Dr. Talmage, "gold to the ammount of six-hundred and eighty-million pounds," (That sounds like a gold bug.) "silver to the value of one billion twenty-nine million pounds sterling. The Queen of Sheba gave him a nice little fortune or some of one million and eight hundred thousand dollars." But Solomon was not happy. He declares this is all vanity The bible tells us to fear God in wisdom and to depart from evil is understanding. Men have been brought to honor by exercising wisdom. Abraham Lincoln, by exercising wisdom arose from the *positum* of a common day laborer to the presidency of the United States. He had worked on the farm. At nineteen he worked for ten dollars per month, afterwards he studied law. He came up and up. A member of the legislature of his state. A member of Congress. A soldier and finallly, in 1860 he became the Chief Executive of the nation. "Exalt her and she shall promote thee." Lincoln was a man with a warm heart. Like the Savior when he saw the multitude hungry, thirsty and crying, had compasion on them. When Abraham Lincoln saw four million human beings in slavery, and began to think upon the mysterious ways of that society, his heart swelled with pity and those very hands that had pulled the hoe on the farm; those very hands that had lifted the maul as a rail splitter; and those very hands that had often wiped the sweat of toil from his browny brow, wrote and published to a civilized world the immortal emancipation proclamation, which being backed up by the federal armies, gave freedom to four million of the dusky sons of Ham. President William Henry Harrison arose almost from a state of poverty to that of the president of the United States. It was said of him that he once lived in a log cabin and drank hard cider, yet he exalted wisdom and was promoted to the highest position of the nation. "Exalt her and she shall promote thee." Let us notice some members of our own race that have been promoted by exalting wisdom. Hon. Fred. Douglass, born in slavery and reared under the galling chains of servitude yet, he became a truly great man and his name should be ever held in grateful remembrance by the colored people of America and like Abraham Lincoln, Charles Summer and Miss Harriett Beecher Stowe. He never tired in his efforts

to create the Anti-slavery sentiment, and though today his form is taking its peaceful repose in the tomb, echo of his silent voice still lingers in our memory, and the music of his eloquence still lingers in our ears. His monument is with us today, his fame and noble deeds may not be within one block of crumbling marble and stone; they may not be painted in glowing pictures and exibited in the memorial buildings of this country, but they are indelibly stamped upon the hearts and affections of a grateful people. He is not dead, but sleepeth. Many other distinguished scholars and educators might be mentioned, but time and space will not allow. Now in conclusion let us say, in all of our study, study the Bible which is the greatest of all books. It will guide you in all the affairs of life. shining like a lamp on your pathway and illuminating with Heavenly radiance the darkest place through which you may pass, lighting up at last the valley and shadow of death.

"Blessed Bible! how I love it,
How it doeth my spirit cheer;
What has earth like this to covet,
O what stars of wealth are here!

"Man was lost and damned to sorrow,
Not one ray of light or bliss
Could he from earth's treasurer borrow,
Till his way was cheered by this.

"Blessed Bible! I will hide thee
Deep—Yes deeper in my heart!
Thou through all my life shall guide me,
And in death we will not part."

Truly yours,
A. Stroud.

ON EDUCATION.

We your committee on education beg leave to submit the following report: Whereas education is an art of bringing out and training the mental faculties. We rejoice to know that the Association has elevated its self to that height where it can rank in science of the present day. We should look only to the study of the Bible and remain satisfied with the administration of the Gospel, sufficient of its self to equip our race to be abreast and keep pace with the civilized in this progressive age, and Whereas, education in its true sense has made the negro man equal to the other men.

Be it resolved: That we the ministers and delegates of the Association do earnestly endorse every effort that is now being put forth for the education of our needy and down-trodden race, and that we recommend Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., and the Agricultural and Mechanical College Greensboro, N. C., as school for our people.

Committee.—Prof. J. F. Holland, Revs. J. H. Dunston and L. H. Hackney.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL AND EXECUTIVE BOARDS.

The Ministerial and Executive Boards have endeavored to act wisely in all matters laid before them for their consideration. It is the spirit of the Board to give ample satisfaction to all reasonable minded men in all cases for their consideration The word of God must be stand-point from which our mission is to be fastened. Eph. 6:-17. "And take the helmet of salvation and sword of the spirit, which is the word of God."

Orders signed from Oct. 12th 1895 to Nov. 30th 1896.

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Dec.	29.	1895.	To Rev. G. B. Perry, for visiting Mt. Pleasant Miss. Bapt. ch	4.00
"	"	"	To Rev. J. H. Caldwell Sec'y of the Union Meeting Apex, N. C	1.50
"	"	"	Rev. L. H. Hackney for writing history of Association	10.00
Jan.	1	1896	Rev. L. H. Hackney for printing minutes (For '95)	28.00
Mar.	29,	1896	Rev. E. H. Cole, for the building at Pittsboro, N. C	7.00
"	"	"	Rev. J. H. Dunston, for Shilo new church building.	5.00
"	"	"	Rev. J. H. Caldwell, for Secretary services, Markham's Chapel church	2.00
Oct.	9,	1896	Revs. M. W. Brown and E. H. Cole to represent the Association into the Baptist Educational Convention	10.00
"	"	"	Rev. M. W. Brown's expenses to Convention (delegate)	5.00
"	"	"	Rev. L. H. Cole, (delegate)	3.00
"	"	"	Rev. L. H. Hackney, Secretary salary.	12.50
"	"	"	Rev. L. H. Hackney, incidental expenses	4.00
Oct.	10,	1896	Rev. S. N. Vass, represents the work of the A. M. B. P. Society	10.00
"	"	"	Rev. A. B. Vincient, District Missionary	3.52
"	"	"	To Mt. Olive church	2.00
"	"	"	Mt. Olive church, the Sunday school collection	7.35
"	"	"	Rev. L. H. Hackney, on writing history	10.00
"	"	"	Bro. Lewis Mathews, (loaned	

	money)	1.25
Orders on Union Meeting Treasurer.		
Nov. 29, 1896.	To the New Hope new church building, paid to C. H. Williams	8.00
" " "	Rev. E. H. Cole, Pittsboro, for the new church building	10.00
" " "	Rev. J. H. Caldwell, Secr'y	2.00
" " "	Rev. C. D. Hackney, for Haw river new church building	4.00
" " "	Rev. E. D. Kirby, (loaned money)	1.70
Amount of receipts		$151.32

REV. M. W. BROWN, President, REV. L. H. HACKNEY, Secretary.

APPLICANT'S EXAMINATION FOR THE MINISTRY.

FIRST—EXAMINATION IN THEOLOGY.

1. Repentance and Salvation.
2. Regeneration and Faith.
3. Justification and Prayer.
4. Adoption, and why so called.
5. Glorification, and how obtained.
6. Call to the Ministry.
7. What is the Bible, and who is God?
8. Who is Satan, and what does the Bible say Sin is?
9. What does the Bible teach about Conversion?
10. Why are Christians Baptized?
11. When and for what purpose was the Lord's Supper instituted and who should partake of its emblems?
12. What should be the true aim of every Christian?
13. Why should the Ministry be educated?

SECOND—EXAMINATION IN SCIENCE.

1. Spelling.
2. Reading.
3. Writing.
4. Grammar.
5. Geography.
6. Arithmetic.
7. History of the United States.
8. Physiology.
9. General questions applied to Negro sufferage, both since and before the war, (civil.)

Applicants for the ministry must stand a favorable examination of the above questions. (See constitution latter clause of article 16.)

The Ministerial and Executive Boards have endeavored to act wisely in treating upon the examination and without partiality. The board will strive to keep within the bounds of reasonable common sense in carrying out this examination. And he feels that the Holy Spirit has bid with him go in all the world and preach the everlasting Gospel to the nation of this earth must be invested with the proper emplements of his office. He who, starteth out on this journey with less than the necessary qualifications will find himself stopped by the way-side. Young ministers must study science to scope with the present age of today. Thirty years experience has decided the question that empty wagons have plaid out which can't roll its wheels up to market without being loaded. Thirty years ago when our fathers in the ministry stepped on the front and began the Gospel fight in among the freedom of their own great commonwealth. Thunder was more enjoyed than lightening, and those who could not thunder, the people considered him not in it at all. But now our minds are better developed both theologically, educationally, spiritually and morally, and the young man aspiring for the ministry who fails to pull up both ends of the swingle-tree will be left down at the foot of the hill, being devested of both ends. Rev. M. W. Brown, President, Rev. L. H. Hackney.

THE UNSCRIPTUAL TENDENCY OF SECTARIANISM.

First Cor. 1:13.—Christ is undivided; There is but one atoning blood, and vicarious sacrifice. But one name which is the authority in church matters. Hence all divisions in the body of Christ are unwarranted. All human names are to be avoided. All things not ordained by divine authority are matters of individual choice and not binding.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This Association shall be called the New Hope Missionary Baptist Association.

2. The Association shall meet annually and be composed of ordained ministers belonging to said Association, and members belonging to the Association, who by presenting letters from their respective churches certifying their appointments shall be entitled to seats.

3. The number of delegates from each church shall not exceed two.

4. The letters from the churches shall state the number

baptized and the whole number of members.

5. The number thus chosen shall sit as our advising council and shall have no power to infringe on any of the rights of the churches.

6. In its discussion and acts, this church shall recognize Christ as the only law-giver in Zion, and that every individual church is an independent body, with executive but not legislative power.

7. It shall be the duty of this Association when requested by organized churches, to hear their grievances, give appropriate advice, or send committees to aid them in their difficulties. If the minority of a church is arranged by the majority upon application shall be entitled to the same consideration. Individual applications will not be entertained.

8. The Association shall have power to withdraw from any church that knowingly and wilfully departs from the orthodox principles of religion as taught in the Bible, and held by regular Baptists as the true teaching thereof.

9. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator and Clerk, to be elected by the sufferages of the members present.

10. This Association shall have a Treasurer, who shall not intrust any money belonging to this Association; unless it is ordered by the Executive Board.

11. Baptist churches, on application for admission into this Association, shall be received and their delegates seated if satisfactory evidence is given that they are truly of our faith and order.

12. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any annual meeting, two-thirds of the members present concurring.

13. This Association shall have a Ministerial Council composed of seven ordained ministers belonging to this Association, and no applicant shall be ordained unless four-sevenths of the Board are present. This section shall not be changed except by a two-thirds vote of the Association.

14. No minister shall be ordained without first being qualified to read the Scripture with understanding and have a gift for the ministry. This section shall not be changed except by a two-thirds vote of the members present at the Association.

15. This Association shall require subordinate churches to pay two cents per capita for Association purposes, and two cents per capita for missions.

16. This Association shall meet annually, on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October. The Ministerial Board shall prepare an examination upon the fundamental principles of education in the English language.

All applicants must average 66⅔ per cent on all questions asked before being entitled to ordination.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer by the Moderator, or by some person at his request.

2. The names of the Delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called each day at the assembling of the Association.

The proceedings of the previous meeting shall be read before other business.

3. All questions before the Association shall be decided by the living voice, except a division is called for, then by rising.

4. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject, without permission from the Moderator.

5. It shall be the duty of members to obtain permission before leaving the Association.

6. While a brother is speaking it shall be considered a breach of order for any member to pass between the Moderator and the speaker, or to engage in conversation, or in any way interfere with the speaker.

7. Every member must arise and address the Moderator and confine himself strictly to the subject before the body; address no member by any appellation except that of a brother, and cast no reflection on any member.

8. The Moderator shall have the same privilege of speaking as any other member, by calling some member temporarilly to the chair, and when there is a tie, give the casting vote.

9. Written queries from the churches or from members, and resolutions must be twice read, and signed by the mover before they are received for discussion.

10. No motion without a second shall be received. The

mover may withdraw his motion if it is done before it is voted upon.

11. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to postpone indefintely, to commit, to lay on table, or to amend, which several motions shall have precedence with the order in which they are arranged.

12. When a motion has been carried, it shall be in order for any member who voted with the majority, to move for a reconsideration the same day.

13. All committees shall consist of three, unless otherwise ordered.

14. The clerk shall make out a list of the members appointed on each committee, stating the subject to be reported upon, and hand to the chairman as soon as practicable.

15. Should any member violate any of the preceding Rules of Decorum; it shall be the duty of the Moderator to call him to order. If he fails to do so, any member of the body shall have the same privilege.

There was a vote passed in the Association at Hickory Grove in 1894 that the churches in which ordained ministers belonged had no jurisdiction over them in collecting from them their pastor's salary as from other members that is the laymen, from the fact that he is a minister. The view of non payment, of ministers not being taxed as other members. It was warmly supported by four-fifths of all the ordained ministers and licentiates of the Association. In the Union Meeting at Markham's Chapel in April 1895. The ministers met in the Union Meeting and considered the exclusion of the payment of the ministers very carefully. Intelligence seemed to prevail in showing up the light and a spirit of unanimity among the ministers. There were at this ministers conference eighteen ministers. They passed a solid vote that no minister should not be exempted from his church payments as other members are assessed upon pastors salary and other general expenses. God has demanded, that we pay as we have prospered in our avocations of life, irrespective to professional life. American's legal profession in life has nothing to do with his duty to family, church or state. No man should claim protection at the hands of the law, church or any other organization unless he is at least willing to support the same law of which he demands protection. Bro. ministers let us lead the people in deed and in truth. The people are our's to lead, and must be lead by faith and work. Some of our ministers claim that their fields of labor are

very poor, that they are not able to pay and should not pay from the fact that they give their time or rather pay their part in preaching. One of our able Divines predicts, unless the faint hearted brethren are willing to support their church finally that God will keep them on a poor field. Brethren this looks very much like if it brings in your tithes that God may pour you out of his store-house the blessings of life. God will not trust covetous men with his treasury who will not distribute his means in accordance to his law laid down in the Holy Bible. Pshaw! brethren practice what you teach and to the people or else come down from off the wall. There are two many standing up there in the way. Come down and let the chariot go by. Many of the young ministers before ordination make great and fair promises, but as soon as they have been ordained and their names occur in the minutes once or twice they are ready to change ends with people and lay much stress upon their eldership. Ordination should not hinder duty but should be one of the leading factors in promoting duty to the front. There is a class of men who stand in sight of Heaven and will not go in themselves neither will they suffer those that are entering to go in. The ministers who shuns his duty must be one of those men. A preacher who is not willing to pay an honest debt, he therefore can't be their properly. He is just the wrong man in the wrong place. Zion, financially, will never move until such men take the back seat.

OUR MISSION AT PITTSBORO, N. C.

Rev. E. H. Cole is still pushing the work at this point. The Association should take hold of this work and rear up a church immediately in the town of Pittsboro. The Sunday school auxiliary convention of the Association should assist the work financially at this point by a donation of $20 or $25 to put the building on foot. Our Union Meeting has made one or two gifts to this mission. Brethren this is God's money, don't hold the fist of covetousness too tightly. The church at this place has long been talked of by our white brethren and they have pledged themselves to pay at least fifty cents per member for the erection of the building. Brethren this church will be put up if we can have the proper spirit among us. Rev. E. H. Cole has worked hard in the interest of this mission. Land is bought and payed for and is also deeded to the Association. This speaks well of the old elder. There should be a spirit of unanimity in the Association among the ministers and delegates to rear this edifice up at once or as early as possible. Let each minister, delegate and member use his money in the building together with his influence. Bro. Ministers remember who we are and the great responsibility that we hold in relation to this mission at Pittsboro. Should this work fail it will be

required at our hands. That is the present ministry of the Association will be held responsible for its failure.

REPORT FROM BARBEE'S CHAPEL.

The young ladies Home and Foreign Mission Society of Barbee's Chapel donated to the Foreign Mission work in Africa, through the Association the amount of $2. Sister Hattie J. Carlton, Secretary.

The money that the Rev. M. W. Brown had in hand belonging to the Associational Sunday School Auxiliary Convention, should be donated to the Rev. Brown, by the Sunday school Executive Board. The Rev. Brown has been and is still one of the most prominent ministers of this Association and he has done much to foster the Master's cause throughout the lands of this Association. He is one of the humble pastors that feels his calling to the work. It seemed to have pleased the Lord to place him in the pastorate charge of very poor church generally. His churches have been, until of late, below the average of the ministry.

He has made several visits to various mission stations. Dunn and other prominent points of interest. Some of the members of the Executive Board of the Association advised that the Board donate this amount to the Rev. M. W Brown, which he is due the convention. This is the work of the Board and Convention. Rev. E. H. Cole and Rev. L. H. Hackney, have carefully considered the matter refered to above and hope therefore it may receive a warm hand of welcome. Respectfully submitted, Revs. E. H. Cole and L. H. Hackney.